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SUBJECT: FINLAND SUPPORTS DELAY OF KAZAKHSTAN'S OSCE
CHAIRMANSHIP BID

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Classified By: Acting Political Chief David Schlaefer, for reasons 1.4
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(C) Emboff delivered reftel points to MFA Human Rights Unit
Director Johanna Suurpaa on August 25. In subsequent
discussions, MFA Political Director Pilvi-Sisko
Vierros-Villeneuve welcomed Washington's firm position in
favor of delaying Kazakhstan's bid to chair the OSCE past
[1](#)2009. Vierros-Villeneuve said that Finland had been
concerned to note that Germany appeared to favor Almaty's
candidacy, and she hoped that quiet but firm opposition from
the U.S. may be sufficient to persuade Kazakhstan to defer to
some of the better qualified candidates running for the 2009
chairmanship.

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